

DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN

ALSON LOCKHART, JR;	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Civil No. 2015-18
	)	
VIRGIN ISLANDS DEPARTMENT OF	)	
HEALTH; DUANE HOWELL;	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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**JUDGMENT**

**GÓMEZ, J.**

Alson Lockhart, Jr. ("Lockhart") was an emergency medical technician ("EMT") for the Emergency Medical Services of the Virgin Islands ("EMS"). While working as an EMT, Lockhart allegedly "experienced and witnessed sexual harassment of females in the EMT division." *Compl.* at ¶ 15. Several people, both individually and collectively, filed grievances over the

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alleged conduct. EMS members further filed a charge of unfair labor practices against the Department of Health ("DoH").

On August 8, 2013, Lockhart tendered his resignation. Thereafter, on November 8, 2013, Lockhart contacted the DoH and rescinded his resignation. Lockhart was informed that he could return to his former position on February 28, 2014. On January 31, 2014, Lockhart was informed by the DoH that it would not be reinstating him. Lockhart filed a union grievance.

On March 8, 2015, Lockhart brought suit in this Court. The Complaint consisted of six Counts generally alleging various sexual harassment and contract claims. On May 10, 2016, the parties met before the Court for a pretrial conference. At the conference, the parties reported to the Court that the matter had been settled.

Thereafter, on May 12, 2016, the DoH filed a Motion to Dismiss. The DoH explained in its motion that the parties had executed a settlement agreement resolving all claims in this matter. Along with the motion to dismiss, the DoH submitted a copy of the signed settlement agreement, a copy of the personnel action reinstating Lockhart to his position as an EMT, and financial records establishing payment.

The premises considered, it is hereby

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**ORDERED** that the parties' settlement agreement is **APPROVED**;  
it is further

**ORDERED** that the trial setting in this matter is **VACATED**;  
it is further

**ORDERED** that all pending motions in this case are **MOOT**; it  
is further

**ORDERED** that this case is **DISMISSED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Clerk of the Court shall **CLOSE** this case.

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Curtis V. Gómez  
District Judge